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1. ON MAY 5 MISOFF CONCULTED WITH AMBASSADOR KIKHIA, CHAIRMAN OF SRSC, AND INQUIRED AS TO HIS PROGRESS ON SPCIAL REPORT AND TEXT OF RESOLUTION. KIKHIA PRODUCED A DRAFT PARAGRAPH (WHICH IS THE SAME LANGUAGE AS PARA 11 OF SC RES 277 BUT WITH THE OPERATIVE WORD CHANGED TO "DECIDES" VICE "REQUESTS"). PARA WOULD NOW READ: "DECIDES MEMBER STATES SHALL TAKE ALL POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTION UNDER ATICLE 41 OF THE CHARTER TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, NOT EXCLUDING ANY OF THE MEASURES PROVIDED IN THAT ARTICLE."

2. MISOFF EXPLAINED THAT SUCH A CHANGE WAS MAJOR AND WOULD GIVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF SC CAUSE TO VOTE AGAINST. MISSOFF WENT ON TO ENFORCE US POSITION THAT AGREED TEXT WAS A USEFUL STEP FORWARD, SUPPORTED FULLY BY THE USG,

AND WAS NEEDED BY USG TO BRING ABOUT CLOSURE OF THE RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. MISOFF AGAIN POINTED OUT THE SRSC WAS COMMITTEE FURING 1977 TO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS AND THAT USG WOULD APPROACH THIS SUBJECT WITH A POSITIVE AND COOPERATIVE MANNER IN THE COMMITTEE.

3. KIKHIA SAID HE WAS UNDER STRONG "SOVIET AND AFRICAN" PRESSURE TO AMEND BRITISH TEXT TO INCLUDE FULL ARTICLE 41 LANGUAGE. HE PROMISED TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

4. COMMENT: KIKHIA'S REAL MOTIVATIONS ARE NOT FULLY CLEAR TO US. AFRICANS HAVE NOT SAID A WORD SO FAR IN SRSC AND ONLY THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO FACE OFF AGAINST THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS. WITH THE DEBATE ON A FIVE-AGAINST-ONE BASIS, KIKHIA, AS OUT CHAIRMAN, HAS SO FAR NOT TRIED TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS OR EVEN A COMPROMISE. HE IS EITHER NOT ADEPT IN THIS TYPE OF WORK OR PERHAPS IS PERSUADED BY THE SOVIET VIEW. END COMMENT. YOUNG

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